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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT : Douglas E. Fain Sr., et al.

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FOR : ARTICLE AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING EXTREMELY  
SMALL PORE INORGANIC MEMBRANES

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2005, for one (1) month from January 4, 2006, to February 4, 2006.

Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$60.00(for a Small Entity) to cover the cost of the extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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